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SUBJECT: KISSINGER VISIT OTTAWA

1. AUGUST 13 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL CARRIED ARTICLE HEADLINED "KISSINGER'S FAILURE TO PAY OTTAWA VISIT CRITICIZED BY OFFICIAL", LEAD PARAGRAPH OF WHICH CLAIMED OUTGOING FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY (FIRA) COMMISSIONER RICHARD MURRAY "PUBLICLY REBUKED" SECRETARY AT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING IN MONTREAL "FOR NOT VISITING OTTAWA AND CHARTED THAT SOME USG ACTIONS STIR UP UNNECESSARY ANTI-AMERICANISM IN CANADA." ONLY USG "ACTIONS" CITED IN ARTICLE WERE "US INTERVENTION IN SALES OF GOODS TO CUBA BY US-OWNED COMPANIES BASED IN CANADA." COVERING SAME STORY, MONTREAL GAZETTE CARRIED ARTICLE HEADLINED "FIRA OFFICIAL EXPLAINS ACT TO AMERICANS" WHICH KEYED STORY TO OPERATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR FIRA AND WHICH HAD BURIED PARAGRAPH IN WHICH MURRAY REPORTED AS SAYING, "RATHER POINTEDLY", THAT DESPITE MANY INVITATIONS, SECRETARY HAS VISITED CANADA ONLY TWICE IN HIS TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS IN CABINET.

2. MURRAY HAS CALLED DCM TO EXPLAIN THAT GLOBE AND MAIL DISTORTED HIS INTERVENTION IN PANEL DISCUSSION OF FIRA AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPLIED TEXT HIS REMARKS IN WHICH MENTION OF SECRETARY'S TWO VISITS TO CANADA INDEED FORMED MINOR PART (ALONG WITH FACT THAT NO CANADIAN TEAM MADE IT TO THIS YEAR'S UNCLASSIFIED

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STANLEY CUP FINALS) OF EXPLANATION TO AUDIENCE OF WHY CANADIANS

HAVE AN IDENTITY PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: STORY NOT GIVEN PROMINENCE EVEN IN GLOBE AND MAIL.
WHILE POSTPONEMENT SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL TRIP TO OTTAWA HAS
DONE NOTHING TO ALTER CANADIAN PROPENSITY TO FEEL THEY TAKEN FOR
GRANTED BY US, POTENTIAL ISSUE OF SECRETARY'S
PRESENCE AT MONTREAL PRIOR TO OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA WAS
LARGELY DEFUSED IN COURSE TRUDEAU PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 7;
ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY CONCERN OVER THE MATTER, TRUDEAU REPLIED
"NO, MR. KISSINGER ASKED ME WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CONCERN
AND I SAID NO, HE COULD GO TO MONTREAL... THAT WE WOULDN'T BE
EXCITED ABOUT IT..... IF HE WERE A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
GOING TO MONTREAL AND NOT TO OTTAWA THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM
BUT WITH MR. KISSINGER THERE IS NO PROBLEM...
I THINK WE (FEDERAL OFFICIALS) ARE NOT PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS
TO SEE HIM NEXT WEEK IN MONTREAL OR IN OTTAWA (SINCE) WE ALL HOPE TO
BE ON OUR VACATIONS."PORTER

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